

*Worship and Spiritual Life Commission
 Saint Christopher Catholic Parish
 September 21, 2016
 2:30 – 3:45 pm, Fireplace Room – Parish Office
 Minutes*

Present: Sue Dahms, Joan Gerhards, Fern Reilly, Cathy Schneider, Fr. William Vernon and JoAnn Wainwright

Minutes: The minutes of the April 6, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Opening Prayer: The Committee prayed an opening prayer together.

Review of Upcoming Liturgical Events: Fr. William reviewed the upcoming liturgical calendar and Mass schedule through January 1, 2017. This year since Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are on a Saturday and Sunday. Fr. William discussed changing the Mass schedule to offer two Mass times on Sunday instead of one Mass. In making this adjustment he eliminated the 7:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve, moved the Mass time in Paoli to 8:00 pm (instead of 9:00 pm), and added an 8:00 am Mass on Christmas Day.

All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, November 1 – Mass: 8:00 am, 7:00 pm

All Souls' Day, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, November 2 – Mass: 8:00 am, 5:30 pm

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe,

November 20 – Mass: Weekend Mass Schedule

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 24 – Mass: 9:00 am

Advent Begins

November 27 – Mass: Weekend Mass Schedule

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 8 – Mass: 8:00 am, 7:00 pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

2015 Christmas Mass Schedule	2016 Christmas Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve - Dec 24 (Thursday)	Christmas Eve - Dec 24 (Saturday)
4:30 pm – Verona	4:30 pm – Verona
7:00 pm – Verona	
9:00 pm – Paoli	8:00 pm – Paoli
Christmas Day – Dec 25 (Friday)	Christmas Day – Dec 25 (Sunday)
	8:00 am – Verona
10:00 am – Verona	10:00 am – Verona

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Friday, December 30 – Mass: 8:00 am

The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Sunday, January 1 – Mass: Weekend Mass Schedule

Other Business:

All Soul's Day, Mass of Remembrance: Cathy Schneider is beginning to make plans for the All Souls' Day, Mass of Remembrance. She suggested having the Mass to recognize those who have died in the past year at the 8:00 am Mass on Wednesday, November 2 (instead of the evening Mass time). She also suggested combining the reception for the family of deceased members with the birthday breakfast which is normally held on this Wednesday morning. The Committee was agreeable to this idea. Fr. William suggested that the names of the deceased be read and candles lit a little differently this year. He suggested the names be read every few seconds and families begin to form a line to light their candles. Since this Mass will be at 8:00 am, he is concerned that the usual manner to light candles will add significant time to the Mass for those who normally attend a daily Mass. The Committee will decorate for the Mass of Remembrance after the 7:00 Mass on Tuesday evening.

Ecumenical Service: Cathy Schneider announced that the Ecumenical Service will be on Sunday, November 20 at 5:00 pm at Salem United Church of Christ. Cathy will be meeting with the organizing committee following the Liturgy Committee meeting today. Each parish will take a turn in hosting the service in their parish, and need to have their own music staff on hand for the service to assist with set. Fr. William suggested our parish not host the event this year, and would consider hosting a future service.

Discussion of a Funeral Choir: Sue Barker, Judy Robinson, and couple members of the choir suggested forming a funeral choir. Fr. William stated that he will approach Peter and Jasmine Fill, who oversee the music ministry, to discuss the possibility of forming a funeral choir.

Workshops and Liturgical Sessions:

Catholic Funerals Workshop Presentation: Cathy Schneider shared that Pat Gorman offered to any parish to present this workshop in their parish. Cathy recommended the Liturgy Committee host Pat Gorman to present this same workshop in our parish. Fr. William asked Cathy to coordinate with Pat Gorman and the parish calendar events for possible dates. She will email the Liturgy Committee the possible dates to schedule.

Liturgical Seasons Presentation: Cathy Schneider will contact Abbott Rooney and check his availability for offering his presentation on Liturgical Seasons as a parish event next spring.

Next Liturgy Meeting: The next Liturgy Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9 at 3:00 pm in the Fireplace Room.

Closing Prayer: The Committee prayed the closing prayer together.

Submitted by Fern Reilly, Member
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